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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

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6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1A

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☐ None of the figures.

## Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A method of sending data to a client via a central controlling server (102) to provide data-on-demand services comprises the steps of: receiving a data file, specifying a time interval, parsing the data file into a plurality of data blocks based on the time interval such that each data block is displayable during a time interval, determining a required number of time slots to send the data file, allocating to each time slot at least a first of the plurality of data blocks and optionally one or more additional data blocks, such that starting from any of the time slots, (i) the data file can be displayed by accessing the first of the plurality of data blocks; (ii) at a consecutive time slot, a next data block sequential to a prior displayed data block is available for displaying; and (iii) repeating steps (ii) until all of the plurality of data blocks for the data file has been displayed, and sending the plurality of data blocks based on the allocating step.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G06F 15/16

US CL : 709/104, 217, 226, 233

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

STN - time interval, parsing, video on demand, reduce, lower or limit bandwidth, delay time, data demand.

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
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| Y, P      | US 6,118,821 A (MATSUMOTO et al.) 12 September 2000, abstract                      | 2                     |
| Y         | US 6,055,571 A (FULP) et al.) 25 April 2000, abstract                              | 5                     |
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| X, E      | US 6,263,019 B1 (RYAN) 17 July 2001, abstract                                      | 1-7                   |

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.
 ☐ See patent family annex.

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